

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

court of criminal appeals to nine judges, and permitting the court to sit in panels of three judges."

Sec. 7. If adopted, the constitutional amendment proposed in this resolution becomes effective on January 1, 1978.

Adopted by the senate on March 1, 1977: Yeas 28, Nays 3; May 16, 1977, senate concurred in house amendment: Yeas 30, Nays 1; adopted by the house, with amendment, on May 11, 1977: Yeas 125, Nays 16, one present not voting.

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## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS— ASSOCIATIONS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS

S. J. R. No. 19

Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the formation of associations by producers of agricultural products.

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

Section 1. That Article XVI of the Texas Constitution be amended by adding Section 68 to read as follows:

"Sec. 68. (a) The legislature may authorize the formation of associations by producers of poultry, livestock, and other raw agricultural or marine commodities for the collection of assessments on their product sales voted by the producers. The assessments may not be considered a tax if provision is made for the full refund of assessments on request of individual producers.

"(b) Chapter 462, Acts of the 60th Legislature, Regular Session, 1967, as amended, is validated. All referenda and proceedings in conformity with that Act carried out prior to November 8, 1977, are validated, except that no person may be required to pay assessments levied under that Act prior to November 8, 1977."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this state at an election to be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1977, at which election the ballots shall be printed to provide for voting for or against the proposition: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the formation of agricultural or marine associations which may mandate the collection of refundable assessments for improvement of production, marketing, or use of their products."

Adopted by the senate on January 31, 1977: Yeas 28, Nays 2; May 26, 1977, senate concurred in house amendments: Yeas 26, Nays 1; adopted by the house, with amendments, on May 24, 1977: Yeas 109, Nays 27, two present not voting.

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